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Helpers Among Us — McCall students collect toiletries

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Sonia Kneiss, left, Isabella Bickford, Anna Dedeke and Lily Werner were among a group of students at McCall who collected toiletries for the homeless. WINCHESTER NEWS STAFF PHOTO/JOYCE WESTNER

Four McCall Middle School eighth-graders talked to Winchester N
before the end of school about how they collected toiletry articles

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homeless shelters.

Isabella Bickford, Anna Dedeke, Sonia Kneiss and Lily Werner were looking for items, including sunscreen and menstrual products, which they put into 20 backpacks, according to Lily.

“We’ll give 10 of them to the Lowell Transitional Moving Center and the other 10 to the Somerville Homeless Coalition,” Anna says, of the plan for distribution.

“We [had] donation bins at McCall, and we [were] hoping to have one at the Winchester Public Library,” Sonia adds.

Lily adds, “We’ll do a presentation to our class on May 30.”

The program is under the auspices of their history teacher, John Hogan. Unavailable to talk with Winchester News but part of the program were fellow students Teddy Fitch, Sonia Lamas, Scotlyn Moore and Sofia Quiles.

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Helpers Among Us - Alisa Dong needs your help with Thanksgiving food drive

Standish Lane resident Alisa Dong has only lived in town for about four years, but she's already immersed in helping people. And she wants residents to help her provide Thanksgiving Day meals for local food-insecure residents. A member of the town's Family Action Network (FAN), Dong is its

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husband, John, decided to offer a 10% discount on one item to anyone who brings in “gently used children’s clothing.

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‘Chicago: Teen Edition’ dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents “Chicago: Teen Edition,” a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. Set in the 1920s, this iconic production is sure to leave the audience wanting more. Performances will

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents ‘Syldason: You Are Welcome Here’

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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Rep. Michael Day helps House colleagues pass sweeping energy affordability bill

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